

R E M A R K S

In the action of April 10, 2003, the examiner first objected to the drawings; objected to claims 4, 1, 12, and 16 because of informalities or under 35 U.S.C. 112; rejected claims 1, 4, 6-9, 11-13, 15, 17, 18 and 22-26 under 35 U.S.C. 102 as anticipated by Huff; rejected claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. 102 as anticipated by Pallini Jr. et al; and indicated that claims 3, 5, 10, 14, 19 and 21 contain allowable subject matter.

With respect to the drawings, applicant includes additional Figures 4-7 which show the specific subject matter of claims 5, 10, 14 and 15. Approval of the additional drawings is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 4, 12 and 16 have been amended to remedy the examiner's objections under 35 U.S.C. 112. Hence, those objections should now be withdrawn.

With respect to the rejections of certain of the claims over prior art, please note that claims 1 and 22 have been amended. Claim 1 now includes a limitation to the first member having an open center area through which the driving member of an appliance can extend. Further, claim 1 has been amended to specify that the leg members are constructed and arranged and characterized such that the energy in the spring returns the spring to its original position, after the second member and the legs attached thereto have been rotated. Claim 22 has been amended in a similar manner concerning the leg members.

Claim 1 is patentably distinguished over Huff because the first member in the claimed structure has an open center area through which the driving member of the appliance extends. The first member (10) of Huff is solid. Thus, in Huff, a driving member

must be attached to the top of the upper member, i.e. at stud 18. Applicants' arrangement permits the base (first) member to be attached to an appliance with the driving member extending therethrough to the second member. This would not be possible with the Huff structure. Hence, claim 1 is patentable over Huff.

Claim 1 is patentable over Pallini Jr., et al because of the specific limitations relative to the leg members. In applicants' device, it is critical in operation that the spring return generally to its original position after it has been rotated by the driving member. This provides the desired back and forth "sweeping" motion of the workpiece which is secured to the end of the driving member. Pallini discloses a structure which permits flexure thereof, allowing the smaller diameter ring attached to a riser sleeve to rotate to a certain extent relative to the larger diameter ring which is attached to a sleeve. The Pallini structure allows flexure between a riser pipe and outer sleeve such as in the deep water oil operations using floating vessels. There is no teaching or suggestion of rib structures which are constructed to return the spring member to its original configuration, after it has been rotated (flexed). The Pallini structure could not do that, nor is it desirable. The Pallini device is intended to provide a flexure joint between two elements, as opposed to a rotation and return action. Hence, claim 1 is patentable over Pallini. Claim 1 thus is allowable.

Claim 22 includes a driven member which rotates in response to movement of the driving member. The leg members which extend from the driven member include connecting elements at the ends thereof for connecting the leg members and hence the driven member to the appliance body. In Huff, the leg members 20 connect directly to base member 10. There is no teaching or suggestion in

Huff of connecting members at the ends of leg members for connecting the leg member and hence the driven member to the appliance body. This claimed arrangement permits an embodiment where there is no base member but still produces a desired rotation/return action for the appliance. Again, there is no teaching of such a structure in Huff, which includes a solid base element to which the leg members are connected. Claim 22 is thus allowable.

Accordingly, amended claims 1 and 22 are allowable over the applied references. Since claims 2-21 are dependent upon claim 1 and claims 23-26 are dependent upon claim 22, those claims are also allowable.

Allowance of the application is thus respectfully requested.

This is to request a two-month extension of time. Enclosed is the required fee of \$410. Any additional fees can be charged to deposit account 07-1900.

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